BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 743

		Section 2
IN THE MATTER OF:		Served October 3, 1967
Application of Horse Buses Incorporated for Certificate)	Application No. 439
of Public Convenience and)	Docket No. 151
Necessity to Operate Horse- Drawn Vehicles in Georgetown.)	

By Order No. 727, the Commission scheduled the application of Horse Buses, Inc., for hearing on September 11, 1967.

On August 29, 1967, a motion to postpone the hearing was filed by the applicant. Several grounds were given as the basis for the request. The pleading was signed and filed by the president of the applicant, with the explanation that its attorney was out of town and not available to sign its pleading. This individual failed to serve a copy of the pleading on a protestant, D. C. Transit System, Inc., ("Transit").

By Order No. 734, the hearing was postponed to October 23, 1967. On September 6, 1967, Transit filed an application for reconsideration of said order.

We find that the procedural irregularity is harmless error, for Transit has suffered no injury therefrom. The application for reconsideration should be denied.

However, a change in Order No. 734 is necessitated by matters currently before this Commission. Timely execution of the Commission's functions imperatively and unavoidably requires a change in the date of the hearing on this matter as hereinafter ordered.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- That the application of D. C. Transit System, Inc., for reconsideration of Order No. 734 be, and it is hereby, denied.
- 2. That the hearing set for October 23, 1967, in the above entitled proceeding be, and it is hereby, cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, October 19, 1967.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

MELVIN E. LEWIS

Executive Director

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